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1. SUMMARY: DURING VISIT TO KIEV BY PORTER AND WHITE SEPT 21-23, US REPS TURNED DOWN SOVIET PROPOSAL FOR SOVIETS TO CARRY OUT FINISHING WORK AT FLORENTSIYA. US REPS FORMALLY REQUESTED SOVIETS TO COMPLETE WORK SPECIFIED BY CONTRACT AND INFORMALLY INDICATED INTENT TO MAKE OTHER IMPROVEMENTS SUBSEQUENT TO SIGNING LEASE. US SIDE PROPOSED TO PAY RENT FOR FLORENTSIYA FOR OCTOBER AND REQUESTED ALL FURNISHINGS BE REMOVED FORM MOSKVA OFFICE SUITE AND ROOMS PAINTED.

END SUMMARY.

- 2. AT MEETING SEPT 21, RUDENKO OF UPKK PRESENTED A LETTER RE-AFFIRMING SOVIET PROPOSAL THAT FINISHING WORK AT FLORENTSIYA BE COMPLETED BY SOVIET SIDE USING US SUPPLIED MATERIALS AND FIXTURES, AND OFFERING US SPECIALISTS CONSULTING ROLE. FOLLOWING DAY, AMER. REPS FORMALLY TURNED DOWN SOVIET PROPOSAL AND REQUESTED BY LETTER THAT SOVIET SIDE COMPLETE WORK IN STRICT ACCORD WITH CONTRACT. US SIDE NOTED ITS EXPECTATION TO RECIEVE APTS ON SCHEDULE ON OCT 29 AND ASKED RUDENKO TO FURNISH BY LETTER LIST OF FINISHING WORK SOVIETS EXPECTED TO CARRY OUT. (LETTER EXCHANGE POUCHED EUR/SOV.)
- 3. RUDENKO THEN NOTED SOME WORK WOULD BE INCOMPLETE AND PORTER CONFIRMED US SIDE EXPECTED TO CARRY OUT FURTHER WORK AFTER SIGNING LEASE. RUDENKO POINTED OUT THAT ART. NINE OF DRAFT UPKK LEASE REQUIRES ADMINISTRATION APPROVAL FOR ANY CHANGES OR IMPROVEMENTS IN APARTMENTS. PORTER RESPONDED THAT HE WAS AWARE THERE WERE LOCAL LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRECEDENTS FOR SUCH IMPROVMENTS TO UPKK LEASED PROPERTIES AND

CITED TWO: YUGOSLAV CONSUL GENERAL'S APARTMENT IN YUGOSLAV CG COMPLETED LAST YEAR BY YUGOSLAV SPECIALISTS AND RECENTLY COMPLETED REMONT AT ROMANIAN CG PERFORMED BY ROMANIAN SPECIALISTS. PORTER OFFERED TO CONVEY BY LETTER TO UPKK LIST OF WORK TO BE PERFORMED AFTER OCT 29. RUDENKO OFFERED NO FURTHER OBJECTION, NOR DID HE SUGGEST APPROVAL.

- 4. COMMENT: OUTLOOK FOR COMPLETION OF FINISHING WORK AT FLORENTSIYA REMAINS UNCLEAR. AT SEPT 23 INSPECTION, RUDENKO WAS OVERHEARD INSTRUCTING SUPERVISORS THAT THEY BE PREPARED TO INSTALL BATHROOM FIXTURES, BUT ADDING THAT HE WAS NOT SURE WHAT WOULD HAPPEN NEXT. ADVANCE PARTY FEELS SOVIETS WILL GO AHEAD WITH FINISHING SPECIFIED IN CONTRACT. END COMMENT.
- 5. ADVANCE PARTY REPS PROPOSED TO PAY FLORENTSYA RENT FROM SEPT 30 TO OCT 29 AND RUDENKO WELCOMED STEP, WHICH HAD BEEN OMITTED FROM AUG 27 SUPPLEMENT TO CONTRACT.
- 6. AFTER FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF LONG-TERM NEEDS AT MOSKVA HOTEL OFFICE, ADVANCE PARTY PROPOSED TO UPKK THAT ALL FURNITURE BE REMOVED FROM SUITE 401 AND ROOMS REPAINTED PRIOR TO OCCUPANCY.
- 7. RUDENKO WAS INFORMED THAT MOSKVA LEASE SIGNING WILL FOLLOW AGREEMENT ON ADVANCE PARTIES.
- 8. WORK AT FLORENTSIYA CONTINUES TO GO FORWARD. PARQUET FINISHED IN APT A AND WELL UNDERWAY IN B AND C. WALL SEALING AND PRIMING ABOUT 50PERCENT COMPLETE OVERALL. MOST ELECTRIC OUTLETS AND SWITCHES INSTALLED ONE CLOSET AND ADDITIONAL HALL DOORS NOT YET IN PLACE. BUT PROMISED NEXT WEEK.
- 9. SEPT 23 VISIT TO GORKIY SITE REVEALED ROOF REMOVAL STOPPED AND APPARENTLY LIMITED TO REAR END AWAY FROM ORNATE CEILINGS. FURTHER WORK APPARENTLY AWAITING PLACEMENT OF HEAVY CRANE. ADVANCE PARTY WILL INDICATE CONCERN OVER POSSIBLE WATER DAMAGE TO CEILINGS AT NEXT OPPORTUNITY.

10. PORTER AND WHITE WILL TRAVEL TO KIEV SEPT 28-30. MATLOCK

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